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FOR YOUR INFORMETION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING JULY 17:

Q. IN HIS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR DINITZ TODAY, DID THE
SECRETARY RESTATE IN BASICALLY THE SAME TERMS WHAT HE SAID
PUBLICLY ON THE EGYPTIAN THREAT TO HAVE THE UN FORCE EXPIRE
IN THE SINAI?

A. THE ONLY THING I CAN TELL YOU ON THE UNEF QUESTION IS
THAT THE SUBJECT WAS RAISED, AND I DID NOT GO INTO THE
DETAILS OF WHAT THE SECRETARY SAID ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT I
BELIEVE AMBASSADOR DINITZ SAID THAT THERE WAS A REVIEW OF
THE PUBLIC POSITION STATED YESTERDAY BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

THERE IS TNE THING, WITH REGARD TO THE AMBASSADOR DINITZ
MEETING I WANTED TO MENTION. I BELIEVE AMBASSADOR DINITZ
TOLD US ALL, WHEN HE LEFT THE DEPARTMENT, THAT HE PROBABLY
WOULD BE MEETING TONIGHT AT 6:30. HE IS GOING TO BE

MEETING AT BREAKFAST TOMORROW MORNING.

Q. WHAT TIME?
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A. AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, HERE IN THE DEPARTMENT.

AMBASSADOR DINITZ, AS YOU ALL KNOW, CAME IN AND PRESENTED
ISRAELI IDEAS. SOME OF THESE IDEAS WERE NEW IDEAS. THE
SECRETARY ASKED SOME QUESTIONS OF AMBASSADOR DINITZ.
BETWEEN NOW AND THE BREAKFAST TOMORROW MORNING, AMBASSADOR
DINITZ WILL BE OBTAINING ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS THAT THE
SECRETARY RAISEE DURING HIS HO;R-AND-A-HALF MEETING JUST
NOW. AND THE SECRETARY, ON HIS SIDE, WILL BE MEETING WITH
THE PRESIDENT AND WITH HIS ADVISORS BETWEEN NOW AND THE
BREAKFAST.

THAT IS ABOUT AS FAR AS I CAN TAKE IT. BUT I WANTED TO

EXPLAIN WHY THE TIME WAS CHANGED.

Q. CAN YOU SAY WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN ANY CONTACT WITHIN THE LAST, SAY, FORTY-EIGHT HOURS WITH THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT?

A. I CANNOT. I DO NOT KNOW. HERMENN EILTS, AS YOU KNOW, ARRIVED YESTERDAY. THE SECRETARY SAW HIM LAST NIGHT.

Q. CAN YOU UNWER THE QUESTION WHETHER THE SECRETARY HAS BEEN ABLE TO GET ANY KIND OF CLARIFICATION FROM THE EGYPTIANS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ON THE MEANING OF THEIR LETTER TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WHETHER IN FACT THE UN FORCE WILL HAVE TO WITHDRAW ON THE 24TH?

A. ON THAT, I THINK I HAVE TO LEAVE IT WHERE THE SECRETARY HAD IT YESTERDAY IN MILWAUKEE. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS AND WILL BE OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS TRYING TO DO EXACTLY WHAT YOU SAID, BY CONSULTING UP IN NEW YORK WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL, AND OBVIOUSLY WE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT. BUT I CANNOT BE SPECIFIC.

Q. WHEN DOES EILTS INTEND TO RETURN TO CAIRO?

A. THE SECRETARY WILL SEE AMBASSADOR EILTS LATER THIS AFTERNOON AT SOME POINT. HE SAW HIM LAST NIGHT. MY GUESS IS HE OBVIOUSLY WOULD BE SEEING HIM PROBABLY TOMORROW.
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THE AMBASSADOR MAY RETURN -- AND I UNDERLINE "MAY" -- TOMORROW OR SATURDAY TO CAIRO.

Q. HAS THE UNITED STATES BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE RUSSIANS OVER THE QUESTION OF EXTENDING THE MANDATE?

A. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER OUR PEOPLE UP AT THE UN HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SOVIET DELEGATION THERE OR NOT.

Q. HOW ABOUT HERE?

A. AND I DO NOT KNOW ABOUT HERE.

Q. YOU SAID THAT THE SECRETARY IS GOING TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ADVISORS BEFORE THE BREAKFAST TOMORROW. YOU DON'T MENTION BEING IN TOUCH WITH EGYPT. SO IS IT FAIR TO ASSUME FROM THCS THET THE POINT UT I SUE IS AMERICAN ASSURANCES OF AID RATHER THEN REACTIONS --

A. I DO NOT WANT TO GET INTO THE SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENTS THUT THY DISCUSSED. I WOULD JUS LIKE TO LEAVE IT WHERE I LEFT IT WITH YOU, THAT AMBASSADOR DINITZ PRESENTED SOME MORE ISRAELI IDEAS. SOME OF THEM WERE NEW. THE SECRETARY

HAS ASKED SOME QUESTIONS OF UMOASSADOR DINITZ. AND NOW THE SECRETARY IS GOING TO BE CONSULTING ON THE RESULTS OF HIS HOURWAAND-A7;#-)* .3358,& 285# #8 -\$;8 94 -,\$ 285# 5#3 043 8\$3,5. AND THEN AMBASSADOR DINITZ IS GOING TO GET ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS, AND THEY WILL MEET AGAIN TOMORROW MORNING.

Q. YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT IDEAS. YOU SAY SOME OF THE IDEAS ARE NEW. ON A SINAI DISENGAGEMENT -- NOT IDEAS ON THE AMERICAN ASSURANCES PART OF IT -- WERE YOU? WHEN YOU SAID ISRAEL PRESENTED SOME NEW IDEAS, YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT THE SINAI PACKAGE.

A. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE FURTHER INTERIM AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISAREL.

Q. SINCE THE EGYPTIAN ANNOUNCEMENT THE OTHER DAY, HAS THE SECRETARY'S CONCERN, AS IT WAS EXPRESSED YESTERDAY -- HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT CONCERN BEEN EU ED?

A. I DO NOT KNOW SPECIFICALLY WHETHER IT HAS BEEN EASED. ALL I KNOW IS THAT WE ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF CLARIFYING THE MEANING OF THIS AND TO FIND OUT WHAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN NOW AND A WEEK FROM NOW, WHICH I BELIEVE IS JULY 24.

Q. IS IT FAIR TO ASSUME ON THE BASIS OF THE MEETING TODAY THAT NOTHING CAME UP TODAY THAT WOULD OBSTRUCT THE PROCESS OF THE NEGOTIATION FOR ANOTHER INTERIM SETTLEMENT?

A. YOU MEAN WITH REGARD TO UNEF?

Q. THAT IS CORRECT.

A. ON THAT, I HAVE TO REFER YOU TO WHAT AMBASSADOR DINITZ SAID DOWN HERE ON THAT VERY SUBJECT. THAT IS THE ONLY THING I CAN GIVE YOU. BUT I BELIEVE HE SAID, IF I AM NOT MISTAKEN, THAT THIS WOULD NOT DETER ISRAEL'S EFFORTS TO SEEK PEACE. AND OBVIOUSLY IT IS NOT GOING TO DETER THE UNITED STATES EFFORTS TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT -- THE QUESTION OF UNEF. WE ARE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WE CAN TO KEEP IT MOVING.

Q. SO DESPITE THE SECRETARY'S EXPRESSED FEARS YESTERDAY ABOUT THE NEGOTIATION BEING COMPLICATED, AN INCREASED STATE OF TENSION POSSIBLE, ETC., NOTHING HAS YET HAPPENED THAT HAS RESULTED IN ANY OF THESE NEGATIVE POSSIBILITIES TAKING PLACE.

A. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, AS OF RIGHT NOW, NO -- AT THIS TIME.

Q. TO CLARIFY, WOULD YOU SAY THAT HE PRESENTED SOME ISRAELI IDEAS, SOME OF THEM WERE NEW -- HE ALSO PRESENTED OLD IDEAS?

A. IT MAY HAVE BEEN SOME REPETITION OF FORMER IDEAS. IT MAY HAVE BEEN CLARIFICATIONS OF FORMER IDEAS. THAT IS ALL I CAN SAY.

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Q. CAN YOU SAY WHETHER ON THE BASIS OF THESE IDEAS PROGRESS IS BEING MADE?

A. YES. AND PROGRESS CONTINUES TO BE MADE. AND I BELIEVE AMBASSADOR DINITZ SAID THAT. AND THE SECRETARY WAS IN AGREEMENT ESSENTIALLY WITH WHAT AMBASSADOR DINITZ SAID.

Q. ARE THE ISRAELI AND THE EGYPTIAN POSITIONS NOW CLOSER TOGETHER?

A. I CANNOT ANSWER THAT.

Q. THEN WHAT IS YOUR DEFINITION OF PROGRESS?

A. THE BASIC DEFINITION, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT PROGRESS, IS THAT EACH SIDE KNOWS THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE OTHER SAIDE, AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THE POSITIONS OF EACH SIDE BECOME CLOSER, WITH EACH SIDE KNOWING THE POSITION OF THE OTHER SIDE, THAT IS PROGRESS.

Q. I TAKE IT THE TWO SIDES ARE EGYPT AND ISRAEL.

A. YES, SIR.

Q. THEN WHY IS THERE NO COMMUNICATION GOING ON BETWEEN NOW AND BREAKFAST BETWEEN THE MEDIATING PARTY, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND EGYPT?

A. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THERE WILL BE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN NOW AND BREAKFAST OR NOT ON THAT SUBJECT.

Q. I THOUGHT YOU RULED OUT -- I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST GOING TO CONFER WITH THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ADVISORS. IS HE GOING TO CONFER INDIRECTLY WITH CAIRO?

A. HE MAY OR MAY NOT. I DO NOT KNOW, I WOULDN'T EXCLUDE IT; LET ME PUT IT THAT WAY.

Q. ARE BOTH SIDES MOVING? YOU SAY THERE IS PROGRESS. OBVIOUSLY YOU HAVE NOW TOLD US THAT THE ISRAELIS BROUGHT

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NEW IDEAS, WHICH SUGGESTS MOVEMENT. IS THERE IOMPARABLE
MOVEMENT OR ANY MOVEMENT FROM THE OTHER SIDE?

A. I CANNOT ANSWER THAT. I DO NOT KNOW.

Q. THEN HOW CAN YOU SAY THERE IS PROGRESS BETWEEN THE
TWO SIDES IF ONLY ONE SIDE IS MOVING?

A. I THINK THAT I CANNOT GET INTO THE SPECIFICS --

Q. I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO.

A. -- OF WHAT THE TWO SIDES ARE PROPOSING. THE SECRETARY
HAS SAID TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AGO IN MILWAUKEE THAT THERE IS
PROGRESS BEING MADE. AMBASSADOR DINITZ SAID AFTER HIS
MEETING HE FELT AS A RESULT OF HIS MEETING WITH THE
SECRETARY PROGRESS CONTINUED TO BE MADE. THE SECRETARY IS
IN ESSENTIAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMENTS THAT AMBASSADOR
DINITZ MADE WHEN HE CAME DOWN.

Q. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY NEW IDEAS FROM EGYPT?

A. I DO NOT KNOW.

Q. YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT PROGRESS IN THE SENSE OF PEOPLE
UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE OTHER SIDE'S POSITION IS, NOT IN
MOVING CLOSER TO THE OTHER SIDE?

A. THAT IS RIGHT. AND IF YOU HAVE TWO POSITIONS THAT ARE
SEPARATED,
OBVIOUSLY TO HAVE THE TWO POSITIONS COME
CLOSER TOGETHER AND FINALLY HOPEFULLY COME SO THAT THERE

COULD BE AN AGREEMENT, BOTH SIDES HAVE TO MAKE CONCESSIONS.
AND AS LONG AS IT KEEPS MOVING CLOSER TOGETHER, THAT IS
THE DEFINITION OF PROGRESS.

Q. WELL, WHAT IS MOVING CLOSER TOGETHER? I THOUGHT IT
WAS JUST THE CLARIFICATION OF THE POSPTIONS.

A. I CANNOT GET INTO THE DETAILS OF WHAT THE NEGOTIATIONS
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ARE.

Q. I DON'T WANT THE DETAILS. IS IT JUST A CLARIFICATION
OR THE POSITIONS THAT ARE MOVING CLOSER TOGETHER?

A. THE POSITIONS. THE SECRETARY HAS SAID THIS A NUMBER OF TIMES.

Q. THE PROBLEM IS WHEN I ASKED YOU ARE THE POSITIONS OF EGYPT AND THE ISRAELI POSITION CLOSER TOGETHER, MY IMPRESSION WAS THAT YOU SAID -- YOU AVOIDED THAT.

A. WELL, I CANNOT GIVE YOU A READING ON ANYTHING TO DO WITH REGARD TO EGYPT TODAY. ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS AS A RESULT OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND AMBASSADOR DINITZ THAT THERE WERE SOME IDEAS PRESENTED, SOME OF WHICH WERE NEW, AND THAT PROGRESS CONTINUES TO BE MADE -- PERIOD. I JUST CANNOT ELABORATE ON IT.

Q. THE SECRETARY AGREES ESSENTIALLY WITH WHAT AMBASSADOR DINITZ SAID. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT DINITZ SAID IS THAT THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE. DOES THE SECRETARY'S AGREEMENT EXTEND TO THAT AS WELL?

A. I DID NOT ASK HIM ON THAT SPECIFIC POINT. I GAVE HIM A VERY BRIEF --

Q. THERE IS A REPORT TODAY FROM ISRAEL, I BELIEVE, THAT THERE IS NOW AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE. IS THAT CORRECT?

A. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THERE IS NOT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE.

Q. WE COULD PERHAPS ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF WHAT THE EGYPTIAN POSITION IS BY ASKING SPECIFICALLY, WHEN EILTS TALKED TO THE SECRETARY LAST NIGHT, DID HE REPRESENT AN EGYPTIAN POSITION THAT CONTAINED NEW ELEMENTS?

A. I CANNOT GIVE YOU THE SUBSTANCE OF AMBASSADOR EILTS' CONVERSATION WITH THE SECRETARY. I DO NOT KNOW THE DETAILS OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

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Q. IS IT FAIR TO SAY, THEN, THAT DINITZ HAS COME HERE WITH SOME NEW IDEAS THAT WILL BE DIGESTED BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND THEN GIVEN TO EILTS TO TAKE BACK TO CAIRO? IS THAT WHY EILTS IS HERE PRIMARILY?

A. YES, I THINK THAT IS A VERY GOOD ASSUMPTION. BUT I THINK YOU HAVE TO ADD IN THERE THE FACT THAT THE SECRETARY ASKED SOME QUESTIONS OF AMBASSADOR DINITZ AS A RESULT OF IDEAS --

Q. CLARIFIED THE ISRAELI POSITION.

A. YES. AMBASSADOR DINITZ WILL BE OBTAINING ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS PRIOR TO THE BREAKFAST TOMORROW MORNING.

I THINK THAT IS PART OF THE ELEMENT. AND THEN CERTAINLY AFTER THAN, I THINK YOUR ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT.

Q. CAN I ASK -- I AM STILL TRYING TO CLEAR THIS THING UP. YOU SAY THAT THE TWO SIDES ARE CLOSER TOGETHER. NOW, WHEN DINITZ TALKS ABOUT EACH SIDE, HE IS TALKING ABOUT THE U.S. AND ISRAELI VIEWS. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT EACH SIDE, YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT THE ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN VIEWS. IS THAT CORRECT?

A. BASICALLY, YES.

Q. IF ALL THAT IS GOING ON IS WHAT BERNIE SAYS, WHY ARE YOU ANNOUNCING THIS DRAMATIC MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT? I AM GETTING THE IMPRESSION THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO GIVE US THE IDEA OF A QUICKENING PACE.

A. NO, NO.

Q. JUST ANOTHER DAY IN THE COURSE OF MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMACY.

A. THE SECRETARY TOLD ME WHAT HE WAS GOING TO BE DOING BETWEEN HIS MEETING NOW --

Q. YOU DON'T ANNOUNCE IT EVERY DAY. HE SEES THE PRESIDENT EVERY DAY. THIS MUST BE A SPECIAL MEETING. OR ISN'T IT?

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A. HE SAW THE PRESIDENT JUST BEFORE I CAME DOWN TO SEE YOU. NOW, WHETHER HE IS GOING TO SEE HIM LATER THIS AFTERNOON, I JUST DO NOT KNOW. I HAVE NOT GOT THE SCHEDULE.

Q. WHEN YOU TALKED TO HIM, HE TALKED ABOUT TALKING TO THE PRESIDENT IN THE FUTURE TENSE.

A. I BELIEVE HE DID, YES. FRANKLY I FIND THIS VERY

NORMAL. THE SECRETARY HAS HAD AN HOUR-AND-A-HALF MEETING WITH THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR THAT HE OBVIOUSLY WOULD REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT AT SOME POINT. I DO NOT FIND IT DRAMATIC.

Q. DID YOU MEAN TO USE THE FUTURE TENSE? WILL HE BE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OR HAS HE ALREADY MET WITH THE PRESIDENT, OR WERE THERE TWO MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT, OR WHAT?

A. HE DID SEE THE PRESIDENT ALONG WITH THE HUMPHREY-SCOTT DELEGATION THAT WENT TO THE SOVIET UNION.

Q. WHEN WAS THAT? BEFORE THE DINITZ MEETING?

A. NO -- AFTER. IT WAS SCHEDULED FOR 12:30.

Q. TOGETHER WITH THE SENATORS?

A. NO. THE SENATORS CAME IN TO SEE THE PRESIDENT. NOW WHETHER HE MIGHT HAVE STAYED BEHIND OR NOT, I DO NOT KNOW. HE ALSO IS GOING TO BE SEEING THE PRESIDENT THIS AFTERNOON, I BELIEVE, AT FOUR O'CLOCK, WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT. NOW, WHETHER BEFORE THAT MEETING OR AFTER THAT MEETING HE WILL GO AND SEE THE PRESIDENT, I JUST DO NOT HAVE THE EXACT TIME.

Q. DID BOTH SIDES, EGYPT AND ISRAEL, MAKE CONCESSIONS SINCE THE MEETING IN BONN LAST SATURDAY?

A. I DO NOT KNOW. I CANNOT GO INTO THE DETAILS.

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Q. ON THE ISSUE OF WHETHER AMERICAN TECHNICIANS, CIVILIAN OR MILITARY, MAY BE PLACED IN AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM IN THE SINAI, THE SECRETARY I THINK SAID YESTERDAY AT THE NEWS CONFERENCE THAT THIS WOULD FIRST BE CHECKED OUT WITH THE CONGRESS. HAS THAT PROCESS BEGUN?

A. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THAT HAS BEGUN.

Q. WOULD YOU CHECK ON WHETHER THAT TOPIC CAME UP WITH THIS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WITH THE PRESIDENT THIS AFTERNOON?

A. ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT, YOU MEAN.

Q. THE ONE THAT STARTS AT 12:30. COULD YOU CHECK ON THAT?

A. LET ME SEE IF I CAN FIND OUT ANYTHING ON THAT. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING SO FAR.

Q. YOU DON'T KNOW THE TIME, BUT THE SECRETARY WILL SEE THE PRESIDENT SOMETIME LATER TODAY SPECIFICALLY TO DISCUSS MRL DINITZ' MEETING, IS THAT CORRECT?

A. THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, YES, SOR.

Q. SO HE WILL HAVE SEEN HIM THREE TIMES TODAY, IS THAT ACCURATE?

A. YES. BECAUSE YOU HAVE --

Q. FOUR TIMES. HE HAS SEEN HIM TWICE ALREADY.

A. HE HAS THE NORMAL MORNING MEETING. SO IT MAY END UP FOUR TIMES. I DON'T WANT TO BE TIED DOWN TO A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF TIMES. IT MIGHT BE MORE THAN THAT.

Q. HE HAS ALREADY SEEN HIM TWICE, RIGHT?

A. YES.
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Q. ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT WE ARE NOW AT A POINT OF A BREAK THROUGH OR ANYTHING?

A. I AM NOT SUGGESTING THAT, NO. THIS IS A CONTINUING DIALOGUE, CONTINUING DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE, AS WE HAVE BEEN DOING.

Q. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A MOVEMENT OF POSITION OR A MOVEMENT OF CLARIFICATION. NOW, ARE THEY UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER BETTER THESE DAYS OR ARE THE POSITIONS COMING CLOSER TOGETHER?

A. THERE IS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER, YES. I REALLY CANNOT CLARIFY ANYTHING ANY MORE FOR YOU. I HONESTLY CANNOT.

Q. THE QUESTIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE CONCERN SPECIFICALLY THE NEW ELEMENTS BROUGHT BY MR. DINITZ THIS MORNING.

" " THE NEW ELEMENTS. I

A. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER IT IS ONLY THE NEW ELEMENTS. I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THE DETAILS.

Q. YOU SAY THERE IS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER. THAT IS SINCE THE EGYPTIAN MOVE ON THE UNEF.

A. NO. THIS HAS BEEN AN EVOLUTION -- MORE AND MORE CLARIFICATIONS. THERE IS OBVIOUSLY A BETTER UNDERSTANDING. THE MEETING IN BONN, THE EXCHANGES PRIOR TO THAT. IT IS NOT JUST NOW.

Q. DOES THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAVE ANY MEETINGS SCHEDULED WITH EGYPTIAN REPRESENTATIVES OR THE PRESIDENT?

A. HE HAS NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED THAT I AM AWARE OF WITH ANY EGYPTIAN REPRESENTATIVES.

Q. DID HE DISCUSS THE JORDANIAN ARMS SALE?

A. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER HE DID OR NOT.
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Q. NESSEN AT THE WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING THIS MORNING SAID HE THOUGHT -- I EMPHASIZE THE WORD "THOUGHT" -- THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER AT A MEETING WITH CONGRESSMEN HOINTED TO THE ACTION BY TURKEY, IN THE ISLAMIC GROUP OF FORTY, TO OUST ISRAEL FROM THE UN, AS AN INDICATION THAT -- AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE FACT THAT THE WITHHOLDING OF ARMS FROM TURKEY WOULD AFFECT THE TRADITIONALLY CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND TURKEY. CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THAT IS WHAT THE SECRETARY IN FACT SAID? NESSEN SAID HE THOUGHT THAT IS WHAT KISSINGER SAID.

A. I CANNOT CONFIRM THAT, BECAUSE I DID NOT RAISE THAT SUBJECT WITH HIM. BUT ON THIS QUESTION, I AM NOT SURE THAT THE REPORT THAT CAME OUT ON THIS IS ENTIRELY ACCURATE. I MEAN NATURALLY IT IS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY TO EXPLAIN ITS POLICIES TOWARDS THIRD COUNTRIES. BUT IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT TURKEY DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THOSE MEETINGS IN JIDDA AT WHICH THE RESOLUTION RELATING TO ISRAEL WAS DRAFTED AND ADOPTED, AND THAT TURKEY DOES NOT FEEL BOUND BY THE RESOLUTION; AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY HAS MADE THIS KNOWN TO THOSE CONCERNED. THAT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING.

Q. WHAT ABOUT IRAN?

A. WHAT?

Q. DOES THE SAME HOLD FOR IRAN?

A. I DO NOT KNOW ON IRAN.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING BASED ON? DID THE TURKS TELL YOU THIS?

A. YES. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT ON IT.

Q. WHEN YOU SAY TURKEY DID NOT PARTICIPATE, YOU MEAN THE GOVERNMENT DIDN'T PARTICIPATE? WAS IT AN OBSERVER? THERE WAS SOME TURKISH ELEMENT THERE.
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A. YES. BUT WHAT I SAID WAS, I BELIEVE, THAT THE TURKISH DELEGATION, IF YOU WILL, DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THOSE MEETINGS AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO ISRAEL WAS DRAFTED AND ADOPTED.

Q. BUT TURKEY WAS THERE. TURKEY DID NOT VOTE FOR IT. IS THAT YOUR STATEMENT?

A. AS FAR AS I KNOW, THAT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING.

Q. THE REPORTS ARE ALL TO THE CONTRARY.

A. IT IS A VERY COMPLICATED QUESTION, FRANKLY.

Q. WELL, IT SHOULDN'T BE THAT COMPLICATED TO FIND OUT
WHETHER TURKEY VOTED OR NOT.

A. YOU MIGHT WANT TO ASK THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

Q. CAN WE GO BACK TO THE MIDDLE EAST, JUST TO ASK YOU IF
THE SECRETARY HAS DISCUSSED WITH THE PRESIDENT A TRIP TO
THE MIDDLE EAST.

A. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER HE HAS DISCUSSED THAT.

Q. WHAT IS HIS CURRENT VIEW OF HIS OWN TRAVELLING IN THE
MIDDLE EAST TO PUT AN AGREEMENT ACROSS?

A. AS FAR AS I KNOW, AT THIS TIME THERE ARE NO FIRM PLANS
WHATSOEVER FOR ANY TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

Q. ARE THERE TENTATIVE PLANS?

A. NOT EVEN TENTATIVE AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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